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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 28, 2001, the following
Supplemental Response sets forth the claim amendments made in the Applicants' previous
responses dated April 4, 2001, and October 5, 2001, in proper form.

In the Claims

21. (Twice Amended) A method for concurrently generating a secondary amplification
product and an amplification product in a primer based nucleic acid amplification reaction, the
method comprising:

a) hybridizing a signal primer to a target sequence and hybridizing a first amplification
primer to the target sequence upstream of the signal primer, wherein a characteristic of said
signal primer is that it may not function as an amplification primer;